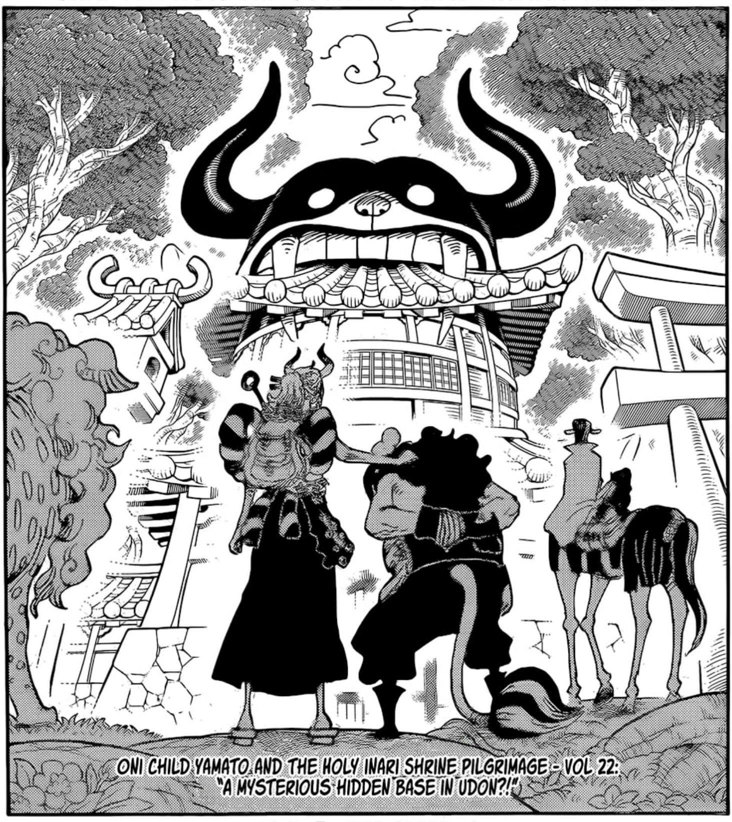
CHAPTER 1136: THE COUNTRY THAT AWAITS THE SUN



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I WENT TO MIYAKO-JIMA OVER NEW YEARS AND CHILLED OUT WITH SOME KARAAGE, CHANPURū, AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEER. LIVIN' IT UP LIKE IT'S ALREADY SUMMER!!
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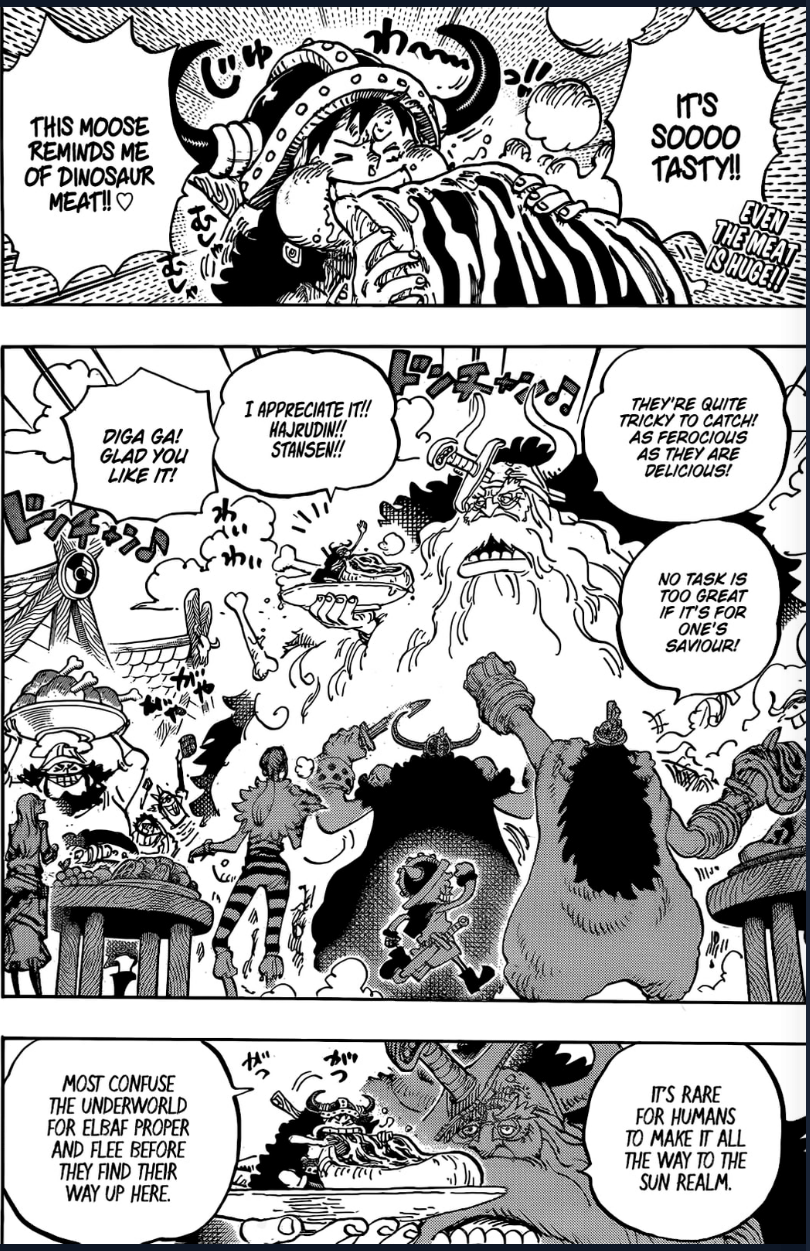
IT'S SOOOO TASTY!!
EVEN THE MEAT IS HUGE!!
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THIS MOOSE REMINDS ME OF DINOSAUR MEAT!! ♡
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THEY'RE QUITE TRICKY TO CATCH! AS FEROCIOUS AS THEY ARE DELICIOUS!
NO TASK IS TOO GREAT IF IT'S FOR ONE'S SAVIOUR!
ドンチャン♪
I APPRECIATE IT!! HAJRUDIN!! STANSEN!!
わいわい
DIGA GA! GLAD YOU LIKE IT!
ドンチャン♪
IT'S RARE FOR HUMANS TO MAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE SUN REALM.
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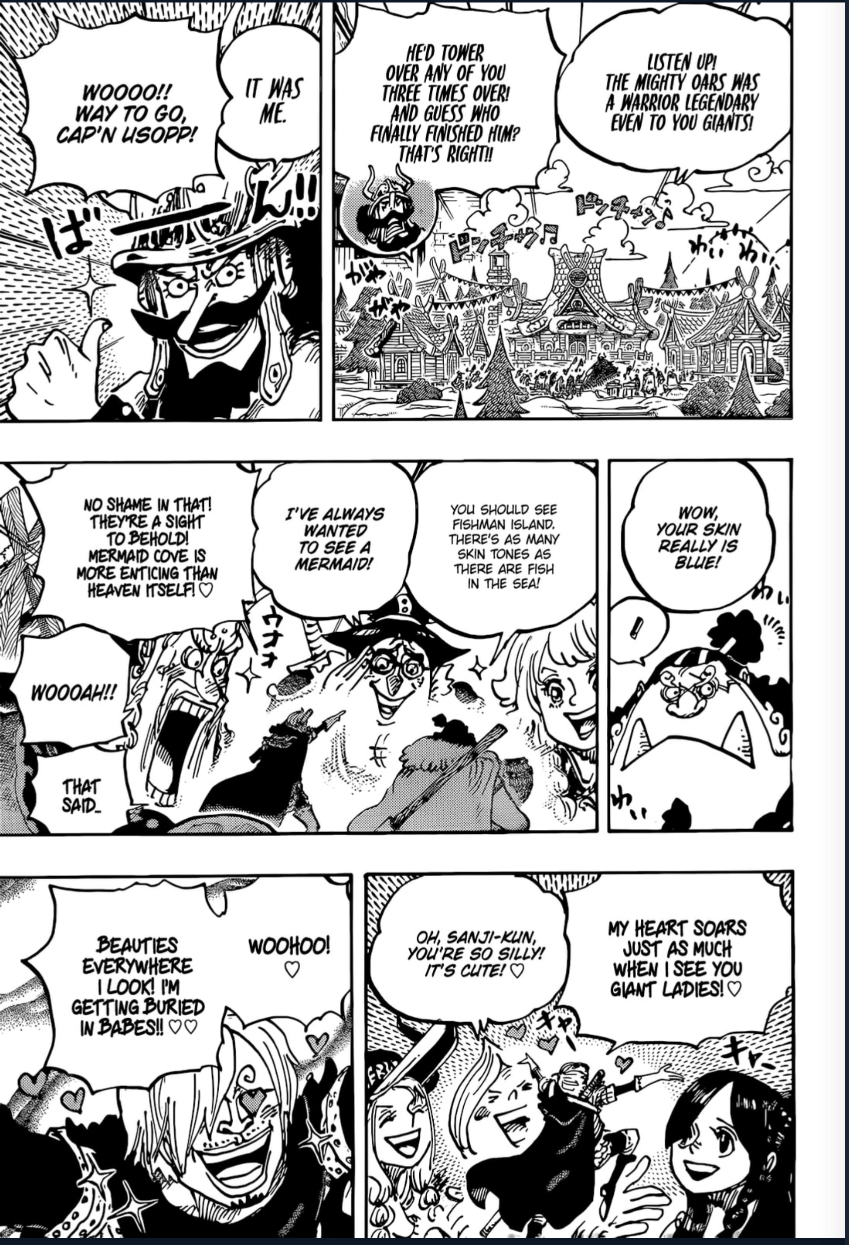
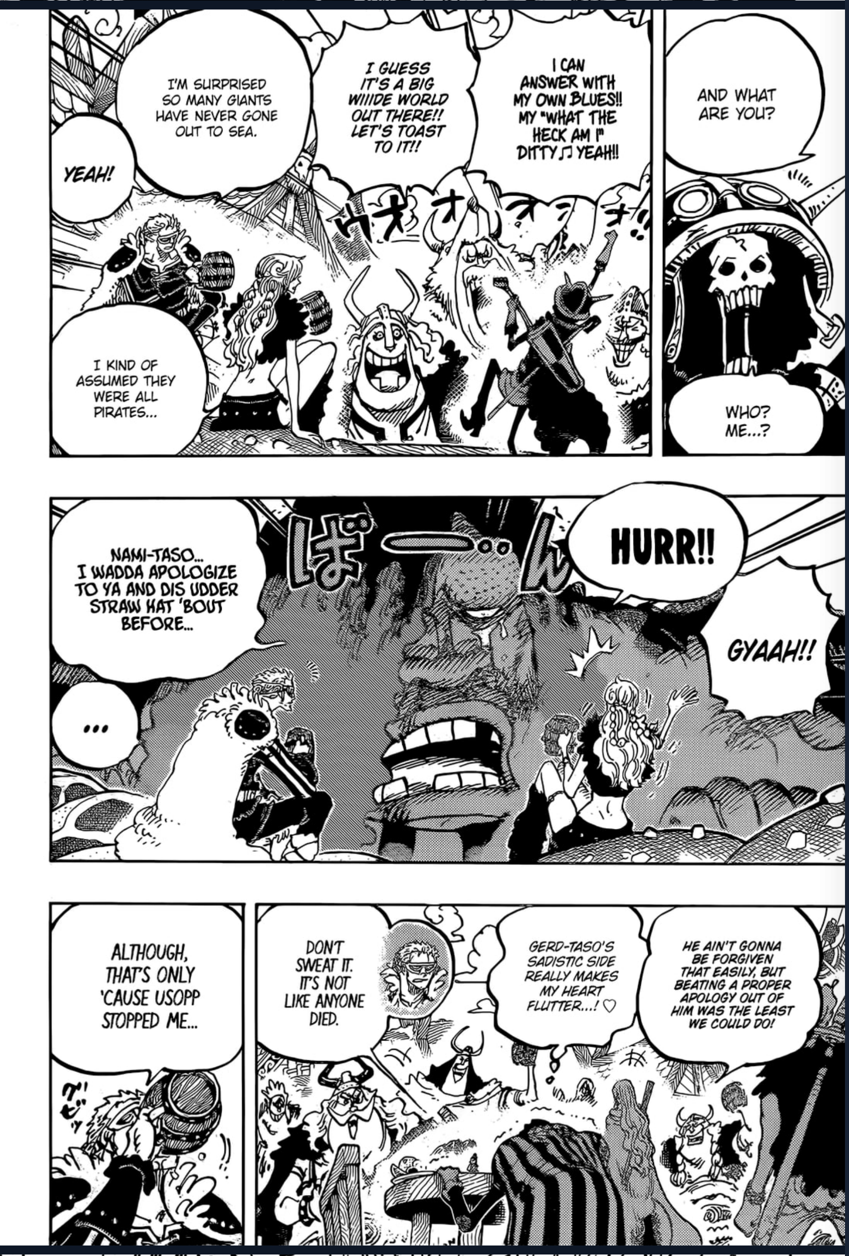
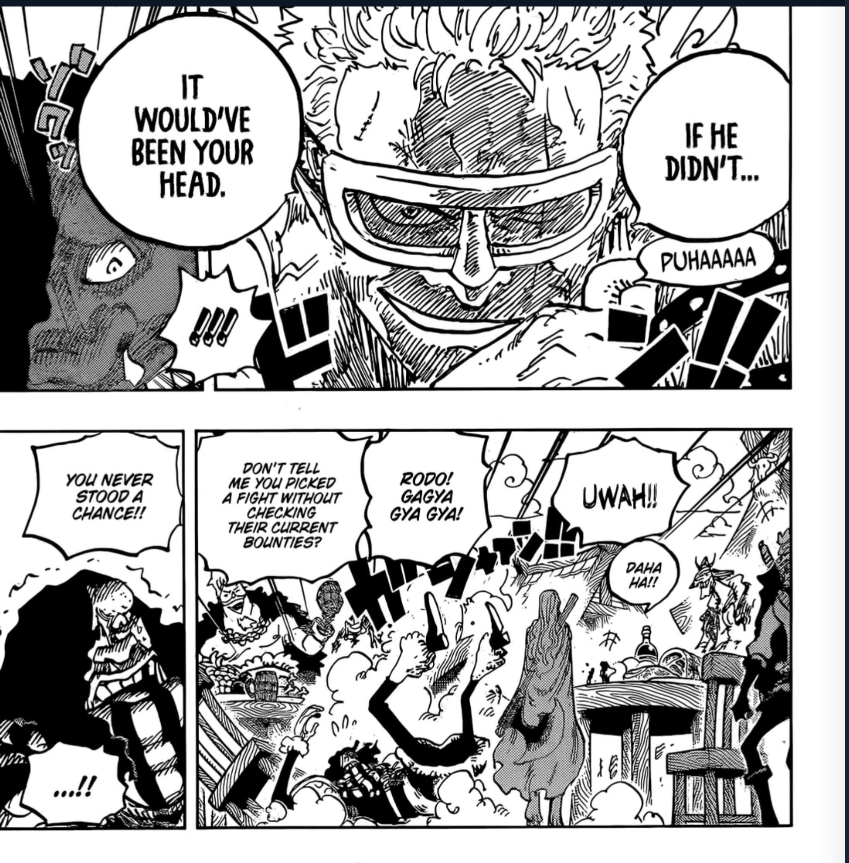
MOST CONFUSE THE UNDERWORLD FOR ELBAF PROPER AND FLEE BEFORE THEY FIND THEIR WAY UP HERE.


LISTEN UP! THE MIGHTY OARS WAS A WARRIOR LEGENDARY EVEN TO YOU GIANTS!
HE'D TOWER OVER ANY OF YOU THREE TIMES OVER! AND GUESS WHO FINALLY FINISHED HIM? THAT'S RIGHT!!
IT WAS ME.
WOOOO!! WAY TO GO, CAP'N USOPP!
WOW, YOUR SKIN REALLY IS BLUE!
YOU SHOULD SEE FISHMAN ISLAND. THERE'S AS MANY SKIN TONES AS THERE ARE FISH IN THE SEA!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE A MERMAID!
NO SHAME IN THAT! THEY'RE A SIGHT TO BEHOLD! MERMAID COVE IS MORE ENTICING THAN HEAVEN ITSELF! ♡
WOOOAH!!
THAT SAID...
MY HEART SOARS JUST AS MUCH WHEN I SEE YOU GIANT LADIES! ♡
OH, SANJI-KUN, YOU'RE SO SILLY! IT'S CUTE! ♡
WOOHOO! ♡
BEAUTIES EVERYWHERE I LOOK! I'M GETTING BURIED IN BABES!! ♡♡


AND WHAT ARE YOU?
WHO? ME...?
I CAN ANSWER WITH MY OWN BLUES!! MY "WHAT THE HECK AM I" DITTY ♫ YEAH!!
I GUESS IT'S A BIG WIIIDE WORLD OUT THERE!! LET'S TOAST TO IT!!
I'M SURPRISED SO MANY GIANTS HAVE NEVER GONE OUT TO SEA.
YEAH!
I KIND OF ASSUMED THEY WERE ALL PIRATES...
GYAAH!!
HURR!!
NAMI-TASO... I WADDA APOLOGIZE TO YA AND DIS UDDER STRAW HAT 'BOUT BEFORE...
...
HE AIN'T GONNA BE FORGIVEN THAT EASILY, BUT BEATING A PROPER APOLOGY OUT OF HIM WAS THE LEAST WE COULD DO!
GERD-TASO'S SADISTIC SIDE REALLY MAKES MY HEART FLUTTER...! ♡
DON'T SWEAT IT. IT'S NOT LIKE ANYONE DIED.
ALTHOUGH, THAT'S ONLY 'CAUSE USOPP STOPPED ME...


IF HE DIDN'T...
IT WOULD'VE BEEN YOUR HEAD.
PUHAAAAA
!!!
UWAH!!
DAHA HA!!
RODO! GAGYA GYA GYA!
DON'T TELL ME YOU PICKED A FIGHT WITHOUT CHECKING THEIR CURRENT BOUNTIES?
YOU NEVER STOOD A CHANCE!!
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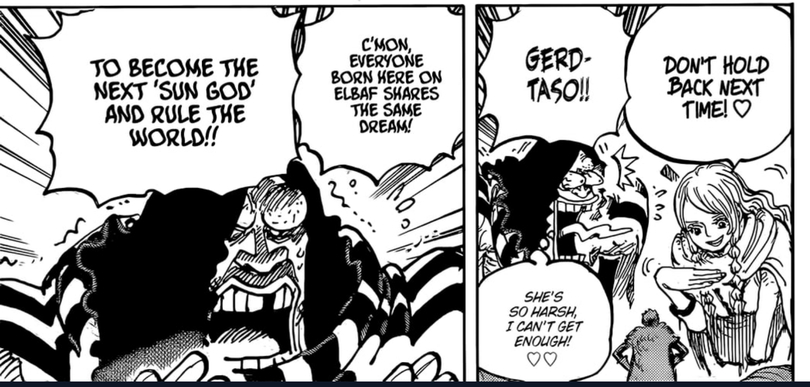
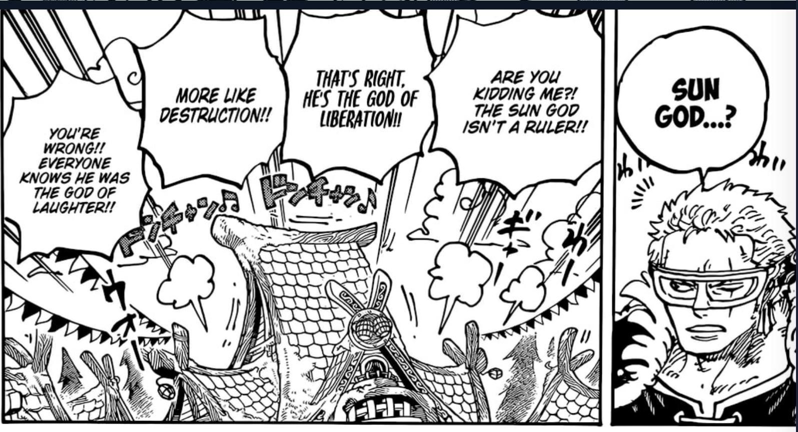
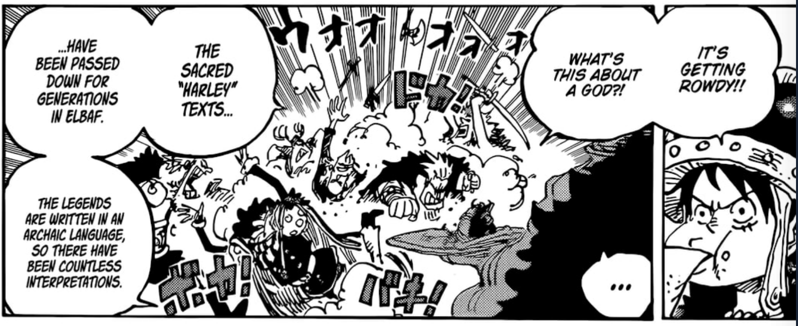
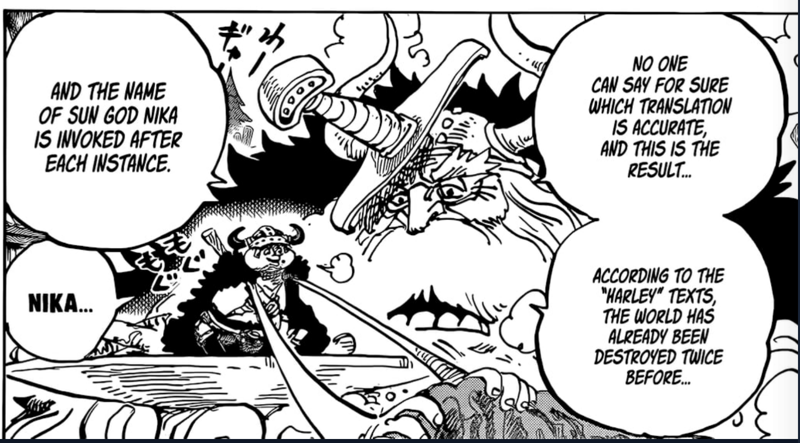
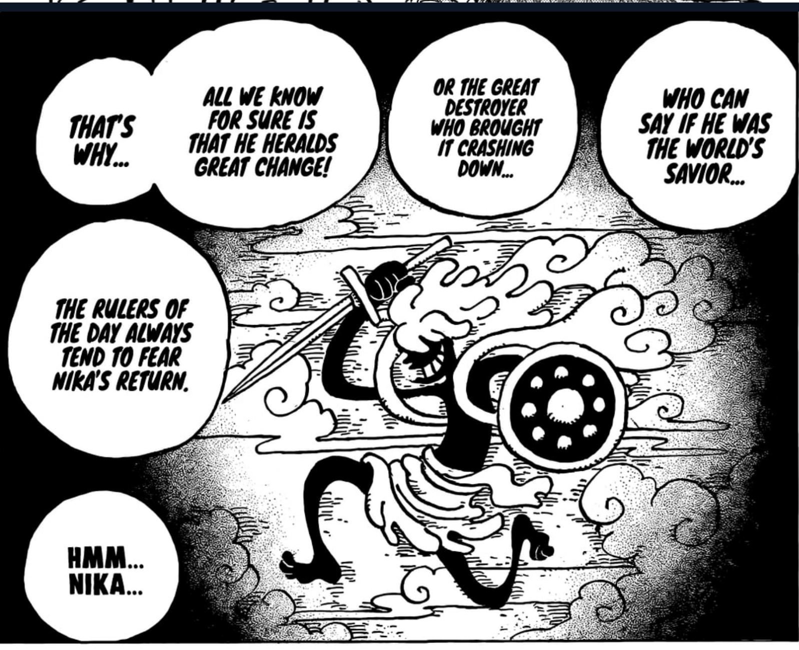
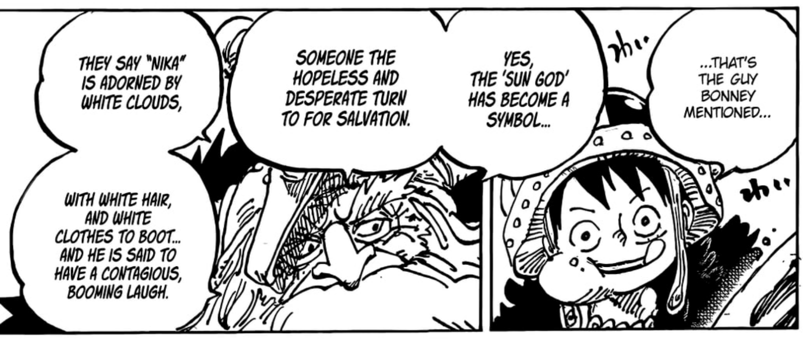

DON'T HOLD BACK NEXT TIME! ♡
GERD-TASO!!
SHE'S SO HARSH, I CAN'T GET ENOUGH! ♡♡
C'MON, EVERYONE BORN HERE ON ELBAF SHARES THE SAME DREAM!
TO BECOME THE NEXT 'SUN GOD' AND RULE THE WORLD!!

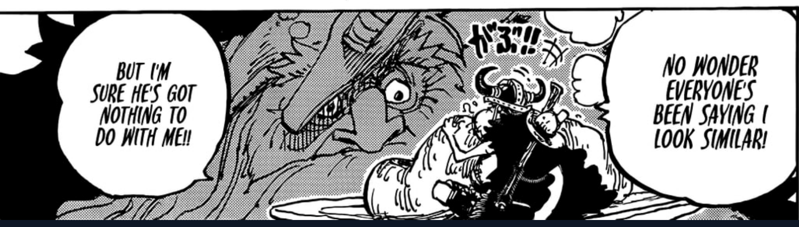

SUN GOD...?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! THE SUN GOD ISN'T A RULER!!
THAT'S RIGHT, HE'S THE GOD OF LIBERATION!!
MORE LIKE DESTRUCTION!!
YOU'RE WRONG!! EVERYONE KNOWS HE WAS THE GOD OF LAUGHTER!!


IT'S GETTING ROWDY!!
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A GOD?!
...
THE SACRED "HARLEY" TEXTS...
...HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN FOR GENERATIONS IN ELBAF.
THE LEGENDS ARE WRITTEN IN AN ARCHAIC LANGUAGE, SO THERE HAVE BEEN COUNTLESS INTERPRETATIONS.


NO ONE CAN SAY FOR SURE WHICH TRANSLATION IS ACCURATE, AND THIS IS THE RESULT...
ACCORDING TO THE "HARLEY" TEXTS, THE WORLD HAS ALREADY BEEN DESTROYED TWICE BEFORE...
AND THE NAME OF SUN GOD NIKA IS INVOKED AFTER EACH INSTANCE.
NIKA...


WHO CAN SAY IF HE WAS THE WORLD'S SAVIOR...
OR THE GREAT DESTROYER WHO BROUGHT IT CRASHING DOWN...
ALL WE KNOW FOR SURE IS THAT HE HERALDS GREAT CHANGE!
THAT'S WHY...
THE RULERS OF THE DAY ALWAYS TEND TO FEAR NIKA'S RETURN.
HMM... NIKA...


...THAT'S THE GUY BONNEY MENTIONED...
YES, THE 'SUN GOD' HAS BECOME A SYMBOL...
SOMEONE THE HOPELESS AND DESPERATE TURN TO FOR SALVATION.
THEY SAY "NIKA" IS ADORNED BY WHITE CLOUDS,
WITH WHITE HAIR, AND WHITE CLOTHES TO BOOT... AND HE IS SAID TO HAVE A CONTAGIOUS, BOOMING LAUGH.


NO WONDER EVERYONE'S BEEN SAYING I LOOK SIMILAR!
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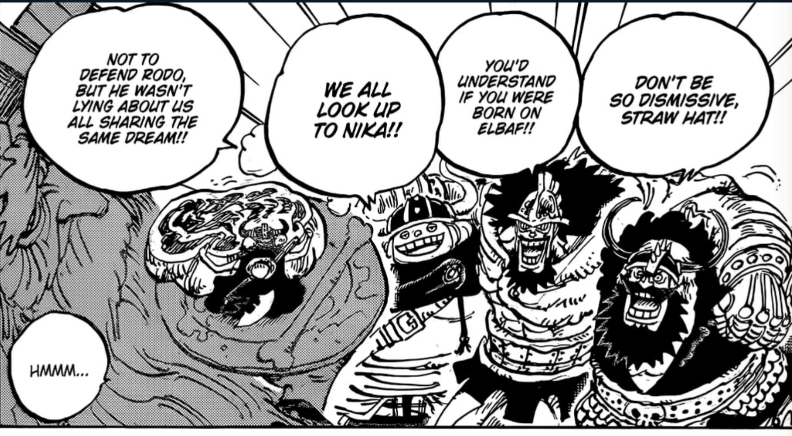
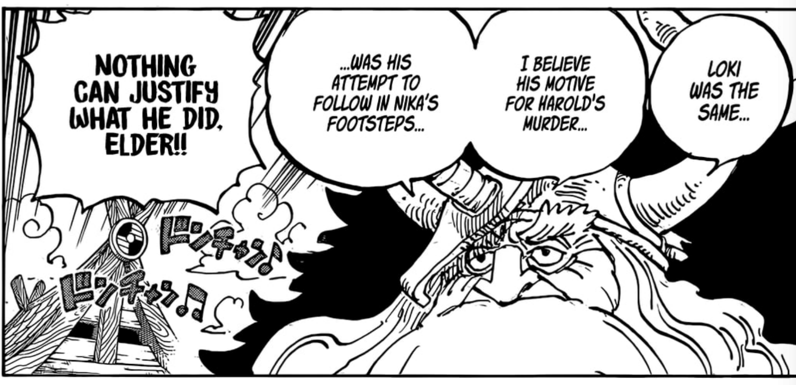
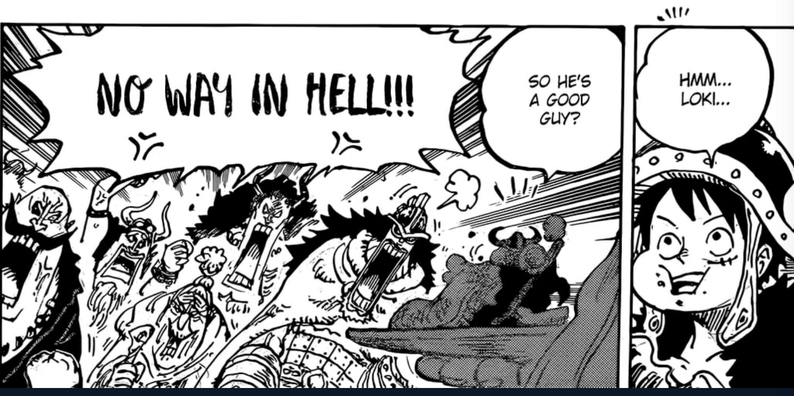
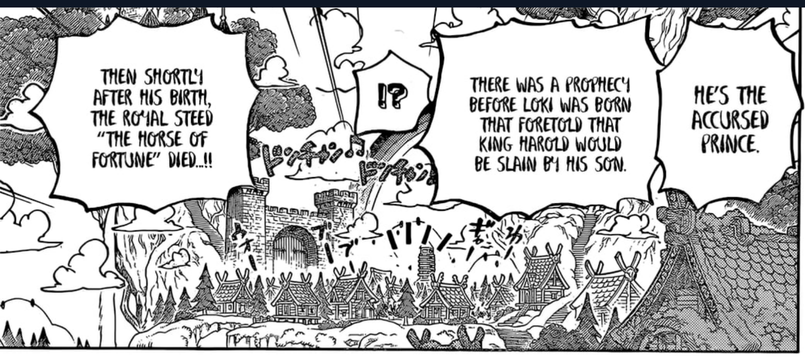
BUT I'M SURE HE'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!!


DON'T BE SO DISMISSIVE, STRAW HAT!!
YOU'D UNDERSTAND IF YOU WERE BORN ON ELBAF!!
WE ALL LOOK UP TO NIKA!!
NOT TO DEFEND RODO, BUT HE WASN'T LYING ABOUT US ALL SHARING THE SAME DREAM!!
HMMM...


LOKI WAS THE SAME...
I BELIEVE HIS MOTIVE FOR HAROLD'S MURDER...
...WAS HIS ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW IN NIKA'S FOOTSTEPS...
NOTHING CAN JUSTIFY WHAT HE DID, ELDER!!


HMM... LOKI...
SO HE'S A GOOD GUY?
NO WAY IN HELL!!!


HE'S THE ACCURSED PRINCE.
THERE WAS A PROPHECY BEFORE LOKI WAS BORN THAT FORETOLD THAT KING HAROLD WOULD BE SLAIN BY HIS SON.
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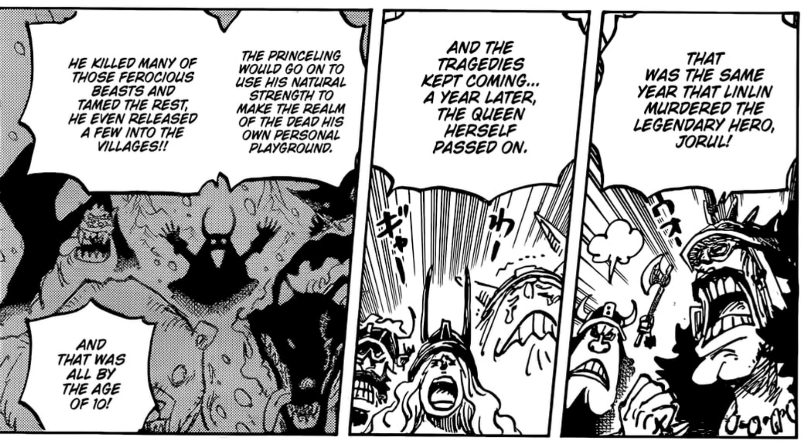
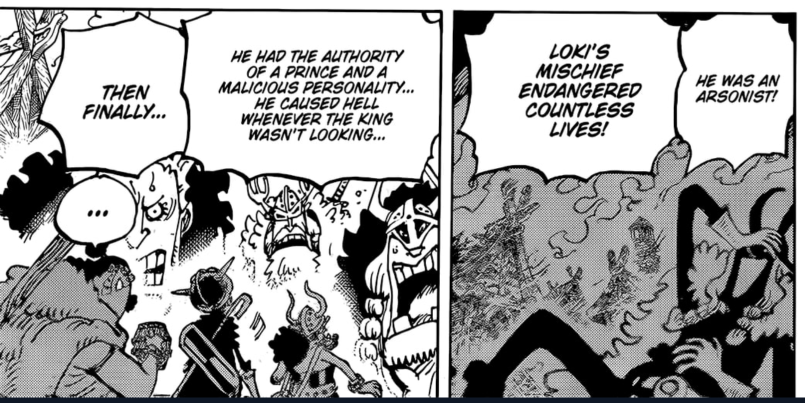
THEN SHORTLY AFTER HIS BIRTH, THE ROYAL STEED "THE HORSE OF FORTUNE" DIED...!!


THAT WAS THE SAME YEAR THAT LINLIN MURDERED THE LEGENDARY HERO, JORUL!
AND THE TRAGEDIES KEPT COMING... A YEAR LATER, THE QUEEN HERSELF PASSED ON.
THE PRINCELING WOULD GO ON TO USE HIS NATURAL STRENGTH TO MAKE THE REALM OF THE DEAD HIS OWN PERSONAL PLAYGROUND.
HE KILLED MANY OF THOSE FEROCIOUS BEASTS AND TAMED THE REST. HE EVEN RELEASED A FEW INTO THE VILLAGES!!
AND THAT WAS ALL BY THE AGE OF 10!


HE WAS AN ARSONIST!
LOKI'S MISCHIEF ENDANGERED COUNTLESS LIVES!
HE HAD THE AUTHORITY OF A PRINCE AND A MALICIOUS PERSONALITY... HE CAUSED HELL WHENEVER THE KING WASN'T LOOKING...
THEN FINALLY...
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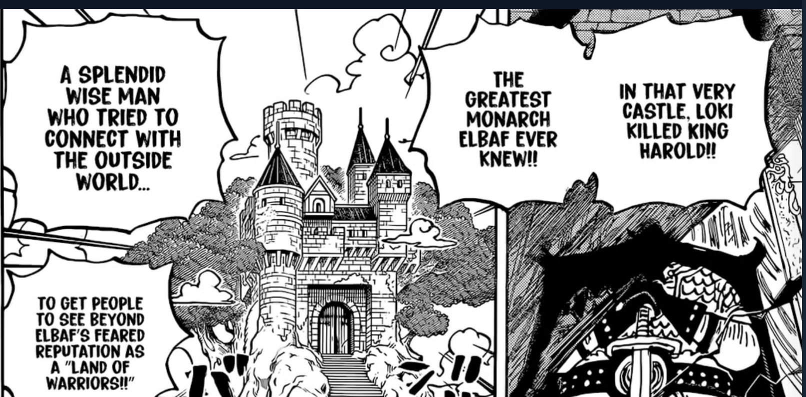
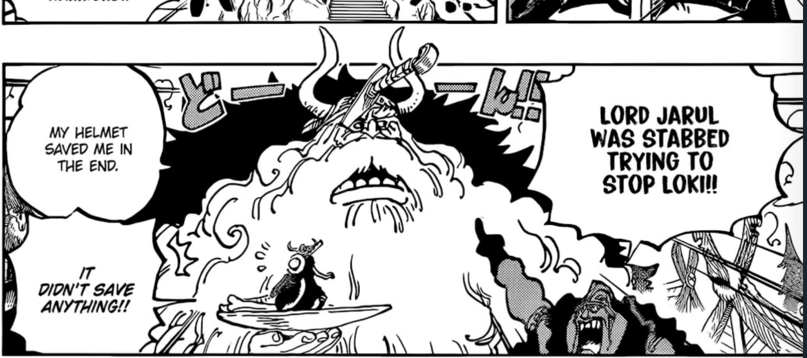
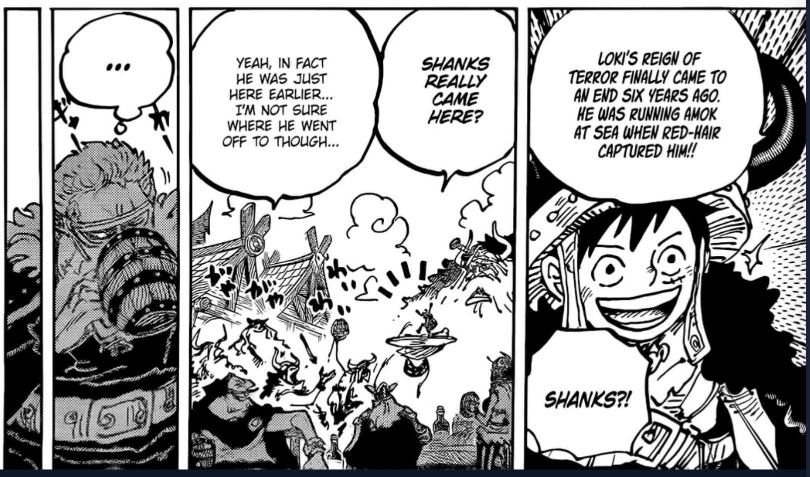

IN THAT VERY CASTLE, LOKI KILLED KING HAROLD!!
THE GREATEST MONARCH ELBAF EVER KNEW!!
A SPLENDID WISE MAN WHO TRIED TO CONNECT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD...
TO GET PEOPLE TO SEE BEYOND ELBAF'S FEARED REPUTATION AS A "LAND OF WARRIORS!!"


LORD JARUL WAS STABBED TRYING TO STOP LOKI!!
MY HELMET SAVED ME IN THE END.
IT DIDN'T SAVE ANYTHING!!


LOKI'S REIGN OF TERROR FINALLY CAME TO AN END SIX YEARS AGO. HE WAS RUNNING AMOK AT SEA WHEN RED-HAIR CAPTURED HIM!!
SHANKS?!
SHANKS REALLY CAME HERE?
YEAH, IN FACT HE WAS JUST HERE EARLIER... I'M NOT SURE WHERE HE WENT OFF TO THOUGH...
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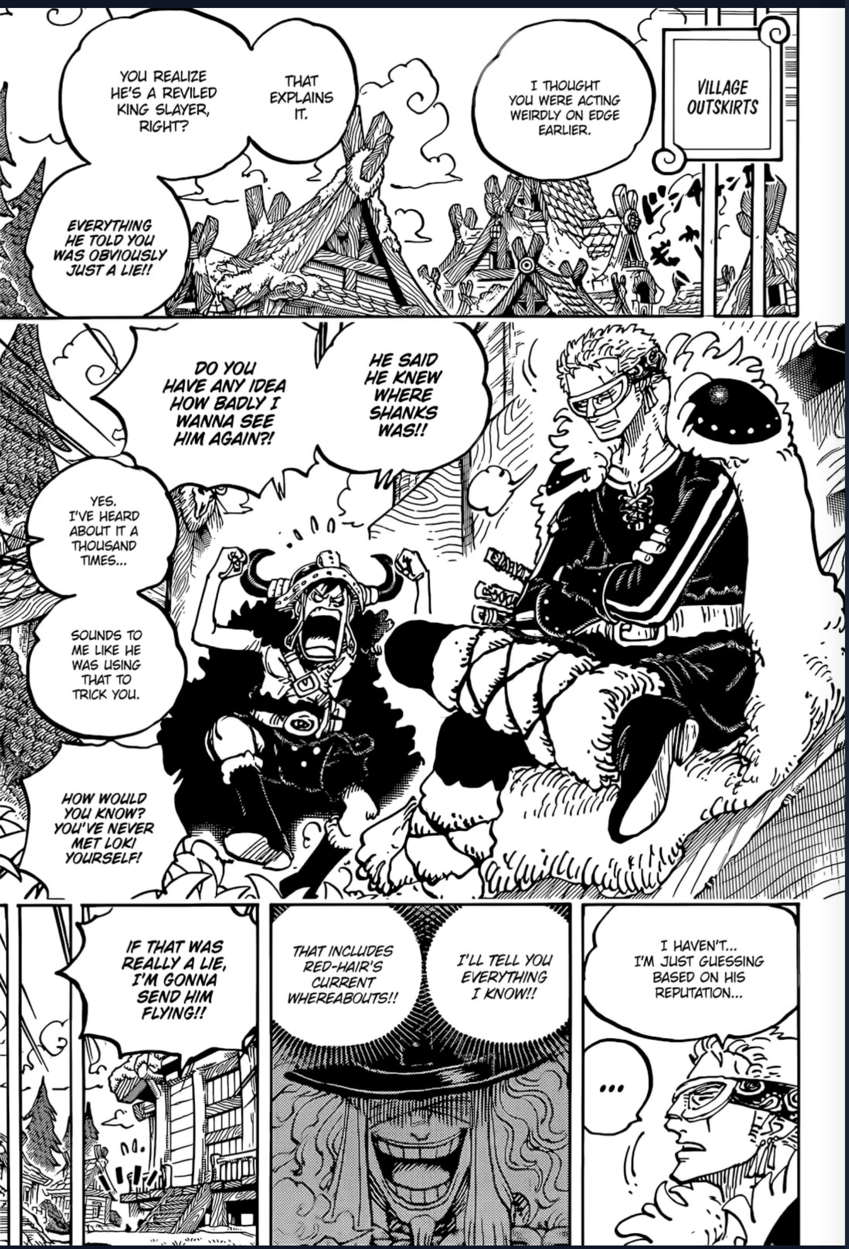
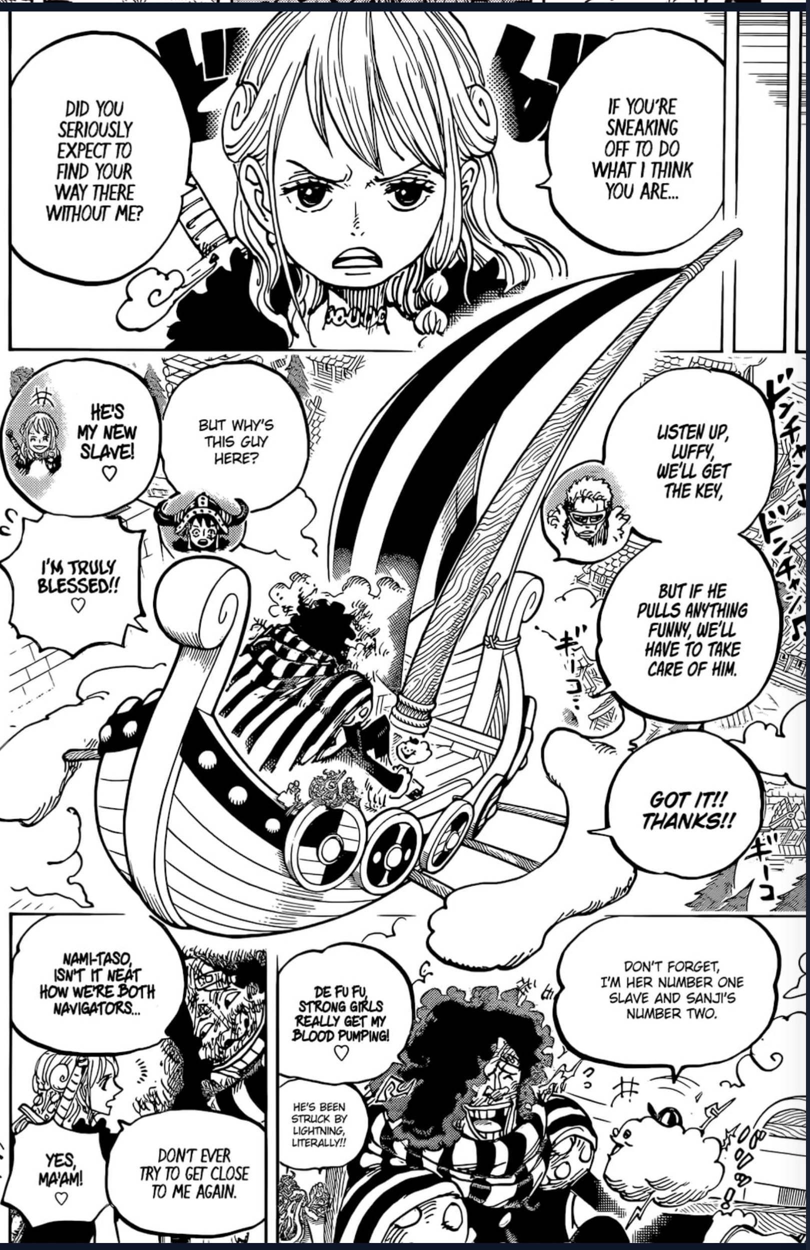
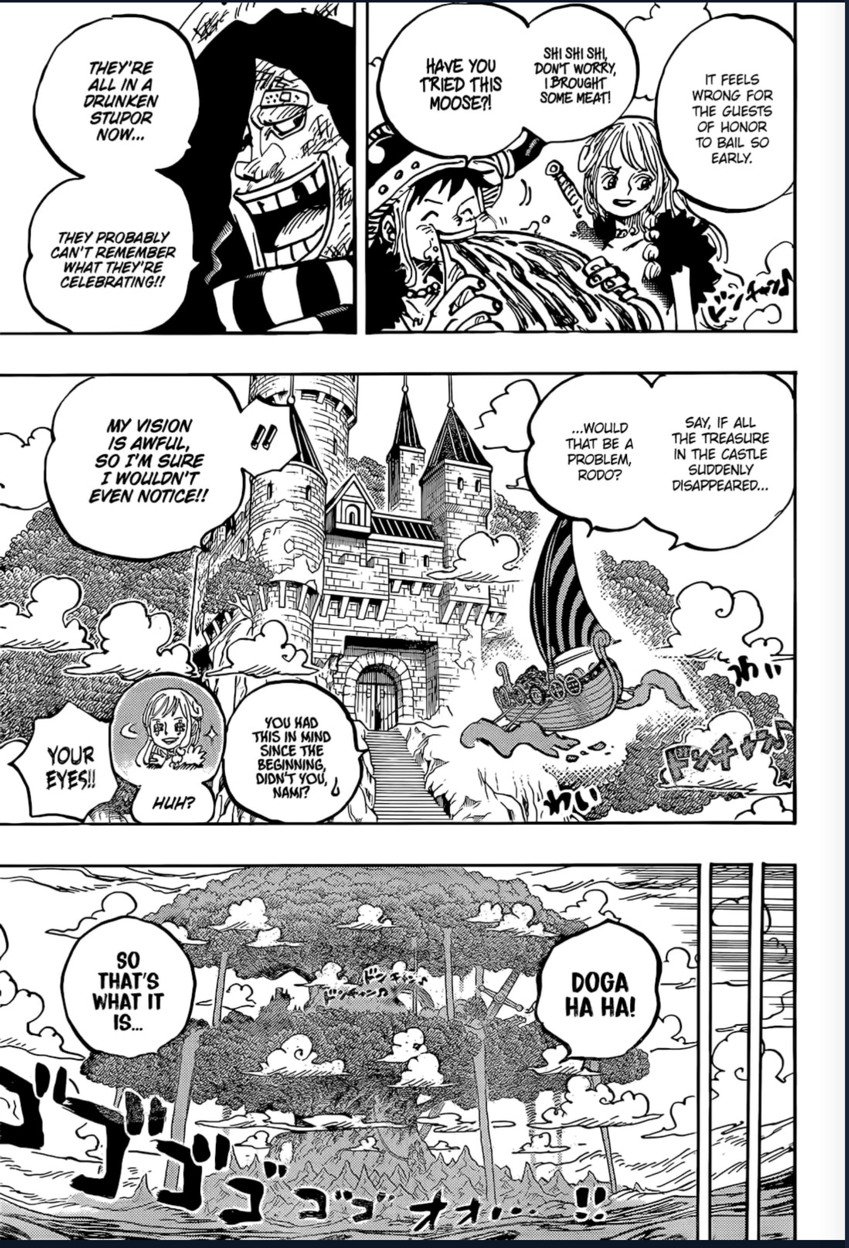

VILLAGE OUTSKIRTS
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ACTING WEIRDLY ON EDGE EARLIER.
THAT EXPLAINS IT.
YOU REALIZE HE'S A REVILED KING SLAYER, RIGHT?
EVERYTHING HE TOLD YOU WAS OBVIOUSLY JUST A LIE!!
HE SAID HE KNEW WHERE SHANKS WAS!!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW BADLY I WANNA SEE HIM AGAIN?!
YES. I'VE HEARD ABOUT IT A THOUSAND TIMES...
SOUNDS TO ME LIKE HE WAS USING THAT TO TRICK YOU.
HOW WOULD YOU KNOW? YOU'VE NEVER MET LOKI YOURSELF!
I HAVEN'T... I'M JUST GUESSING BASED ON HIS REPUTATION...
...
I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW!!
THAT INCLUDES RED-HAIR'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS!!
IF THAT WAS REALLY A LIE, I'M GONNA SEND HIM FLYING!!


IF YOU'RE SNEAKING OFF TO DO WHAT I THINK YOU ARE...
DID YOU SERIOUSLY EXPECT TO FIND YOUR WAY THERE WITHOUT ME?
LISTEN UP, LUFFY, WE'LL GET THE KEY,
BUT IF HE PULLS ANYTHING FUNNY, WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF HIM.
GOT IT!! THANKS!!
BUT WHY'S THIS GUY HERE?
HE'S MY NEW SLAVE! ♡
I'M TRULY BLESSED!! ♡
DON'T FORGET, I'M HER NUMBER ONE SLAVE AND SANJI'S NUMBER TWO.
DE FU FU, STRONG GIRLS REALLY GET MY BLOOD PUMPING! ♡
HE'S BEEN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING, LITERALLY!!
NAMI-TASO, ISN'T IT NEAT HOW WE'RE BOTH NAVIGATORS...
DON'T EVER TRY TO GET CLOSE TO ME AGAIN.
YES, MA'AM! ♡


IT FEELS WRONG FOR THE GUESTS OF HONOR TO BAIL SO EARLY.
SHI SHI SHI, DON'T WORRY, I BROUGHT SOME MEAT!
HAVE YOU TRIED THIS MOOSE?!
THEY'RE ALL IN A DRUNKEN STUPOR NOW...
THEY PROBABLY CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT THEY'RE CELEBRATING!!
SAY, IF ALL THE TREASURE IN THE CASTLE SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED...
...WOULD THAT BE A PROBLEM, RODO?
MY VISION IS AWFUL, SO I'M SURE I WOULDN'T EVEN NOTICE!!
!!
YOU HAD THIS IN MIND SINCE THE BEGINNING, DIDN'T YOU, NAMI?
HUH?
YOUR EYES!!
DOGA HA HA!
SO THAT'S WHAT IT IS...
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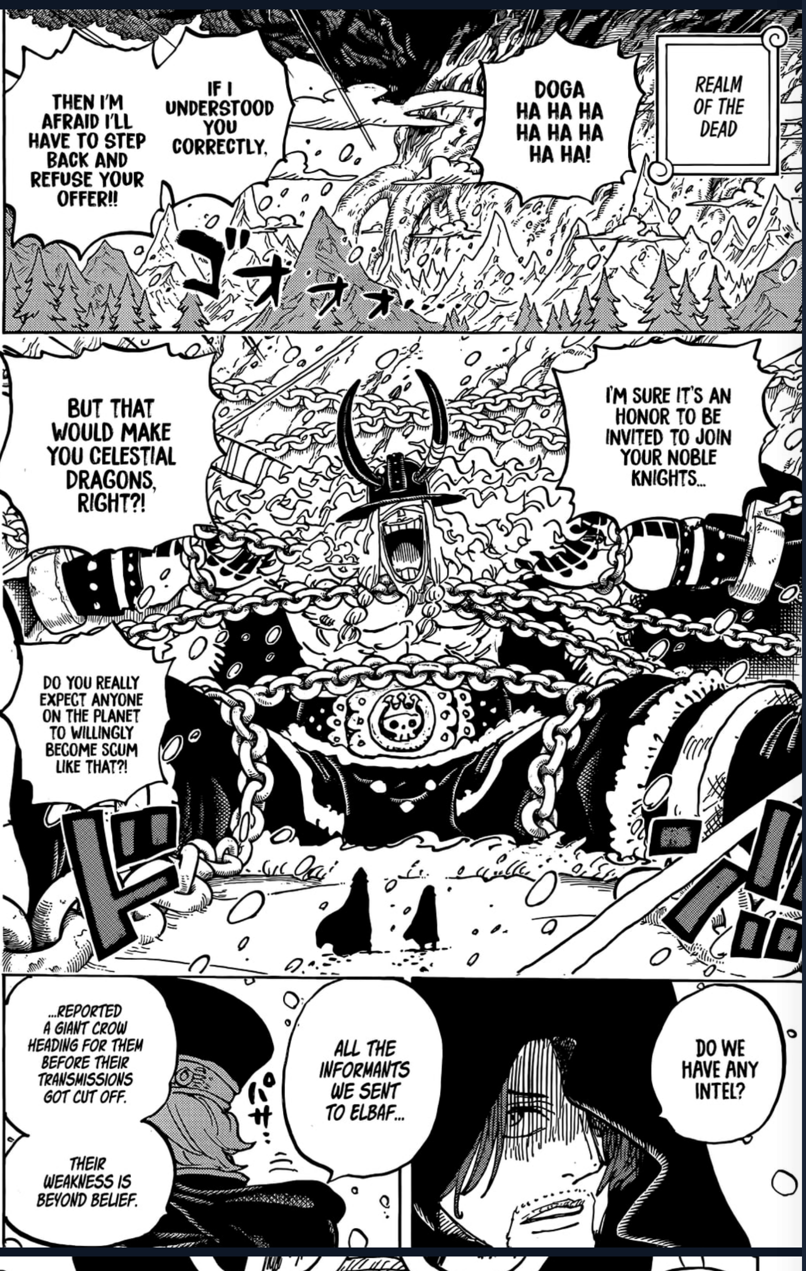
REALM OF THE DEAD
DOGA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
IF I UNDERSTOOD YOU CORRECTLY,
THEN I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO STEP BACK AND REFUSE YOUR OFFER!!
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I'M SURE IT'S AN HONOR TO BE INVITED TO JOIN YOUR NOBLE KNIGHTS...
BUT THAT WOULD MAKE YOU CELESTIAL DRAGONS, RIGHT?!
DO YOU REALLY EXPECT ANYONE ON THE PLANET TO WILLINGLY BECOME SCUM LIKE THAT?!
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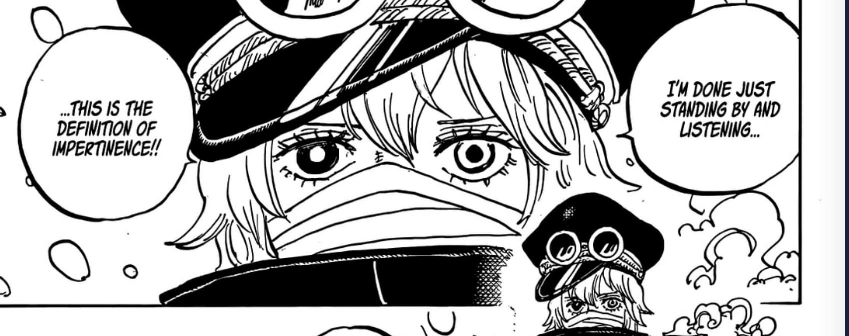
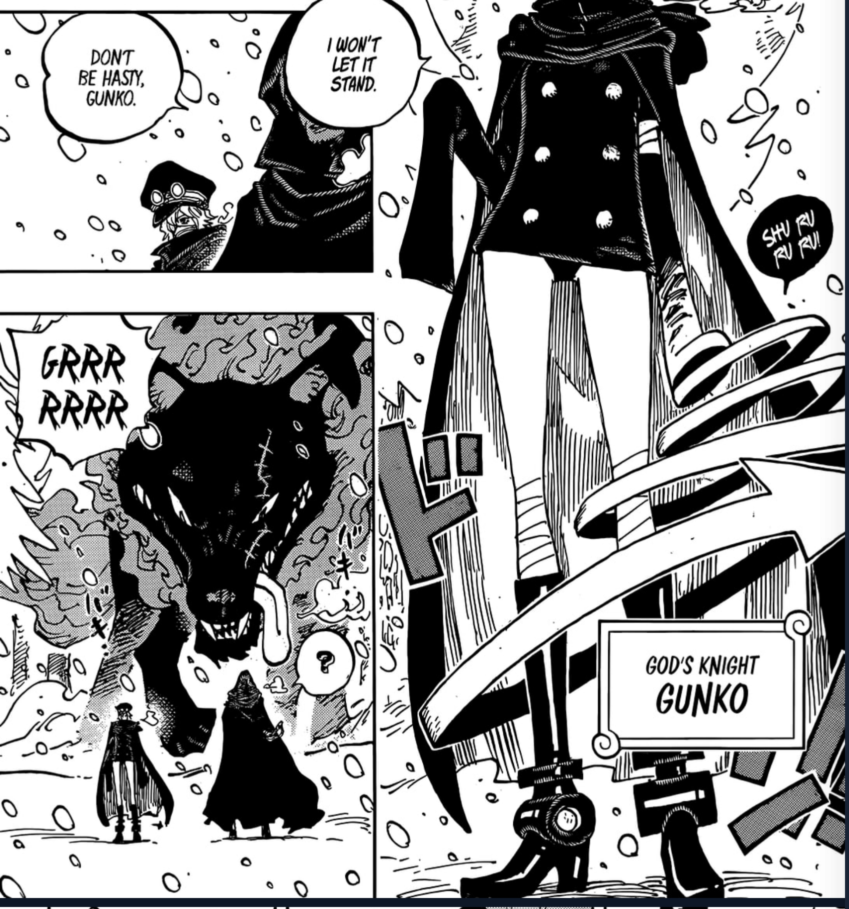
DO WE HAVE ANY INTEL?
ALL THE INFORMANTS WE SENT TO ELBAF...
...REPORTED A GIANT CROW HEADING FOR THEM BEFORE THEIR TRANSMISSIONS GOT CUT OFF.
THEIR WEAKNESS IS BEYOND BELIEF.


I'M DONE JUST STANDING BY AND LISTENING...
...THIS IS THE DEFINITION OF IMPERTINENCE!!


SHU RU RU RU!
GOD'S KNIGHT GUNKO
I WON'T LET IT STAND.
DON'T BE HASTY, GUNKO.
GRRR RRRR
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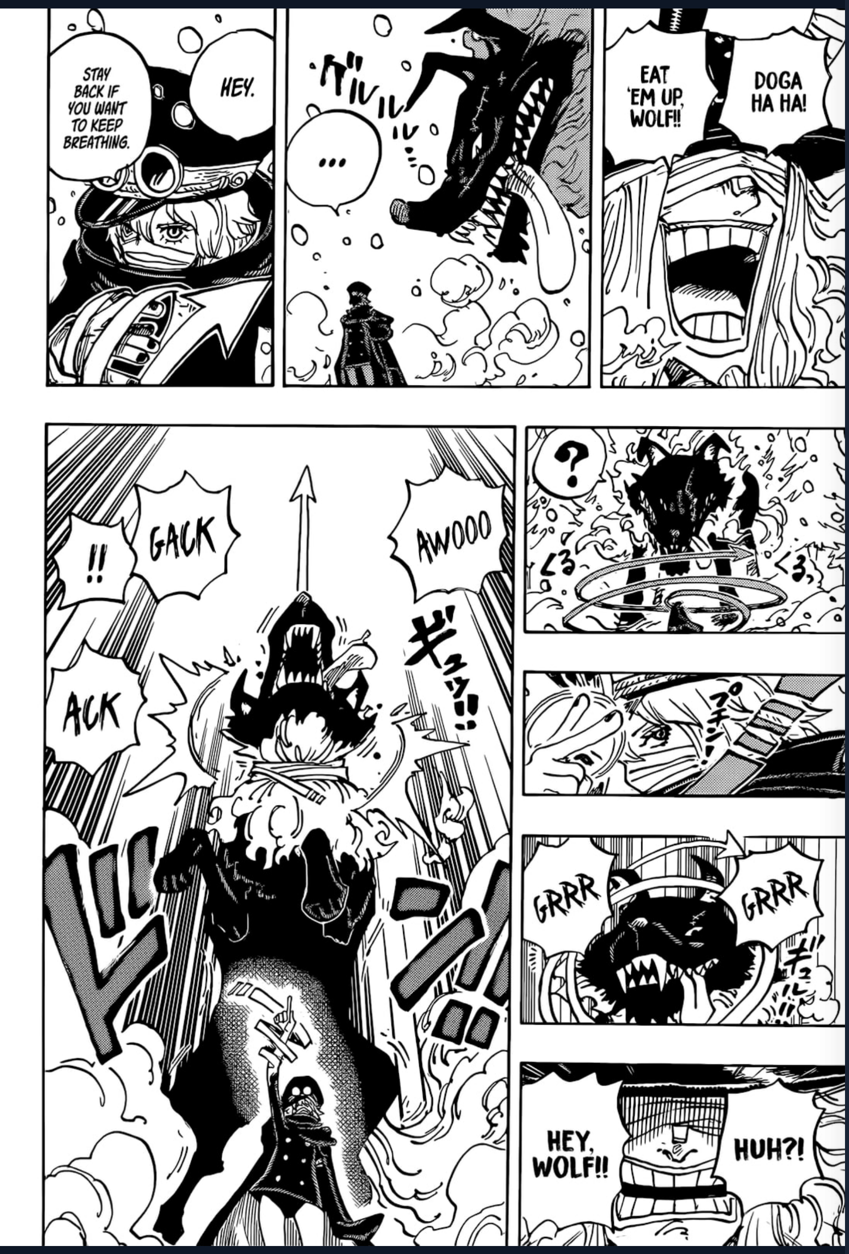
DOGA HA HA!
EAT 'EM UP, WOLF!!
...
HEY.
STAY BACK IF YOU WANT TO KEEP BREATHING.
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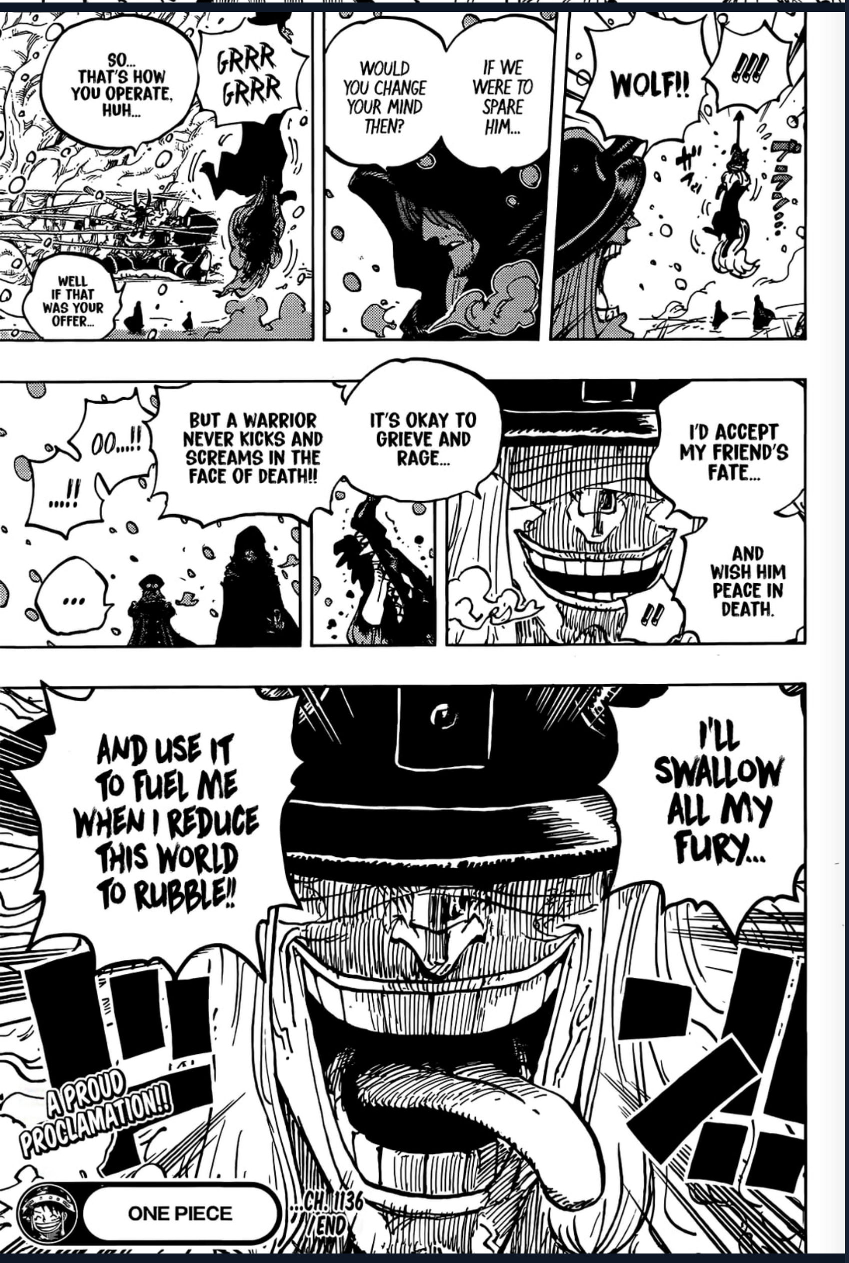
AWOOO
GACK
!!
ACK
GRRR
GRRR
HUH?!
HEY, WOLF!!


!!!
WOLF!!
IF WE WERE TO SPARE HIM...
WOULD YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND THEN?
GRRR GRRR
SO... THAT'S HOW YOU OPERATE, HUH...
WELL IF THAT WAS YOUR OFFER...
I'D ACCEPT MY FRIEND'S FATE...
AND WISH HIM PEACE IN DEATH.
!!
IT'S OKAY TO GRIEVE AND RAGE...
BUT A WARRIOR NEVER KICKS AND SCREAMS IN THE FACE OF DEATH!!
OO...!!
...!!
...
I'LL SWALLOW ALL MY FURY...
AND USE IT TO FUEL ME WHEN I REDUCE THIS WORLD TO RUBBLE!!
A PROUD PROCLAMATION!!
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